

Chamberlin House  
SM-677  
23176 Three Notch Road (MD 235)  
California vicinity  
Circa 1948  
Private

The Chamberlin House was most likely built *circa* 1948 following the establishment of the Patuxent Naval Air Station (NAS) earlier in the decade. Prior to the formation of NAS, the county's economy was primarily based upon agriculture (tobacco) and fishing, and very little modern development was evident in this portion of the state. In 1940, the population of the Bay district was 1,287; by 1950 it had increased nearly five-fold to 10,575. With this tremendous influx of workers in so short a period, residences were constructed near the base, and later spread to outlying areas along Three Notch Road (MD 235); intense modern commercial development has occurred within the past decade, further transforming the landscape.

This one-story gable-roof frame house is a common example of the type of dwelling that was constructed during the mid-twentieth century. Houses built during this time typically consisted of 1 or 1.5-story frame or brick dwellings in Cape Cod, bungalow and ranch styles. They commonly had gable roofs (both front and side facing), multi-pane double-hung sash and tripartite picture windows, and minimal decorative details such as brick window sills, shutters and sometimes simple moldings or pilasters at the main entry. Variations on the basic type included concrete block construction (sometimes stucco covered) and a hipped roof. These house types, which feature similar massing, shape and materials, were built in large numbers following World War II.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No.SM-677

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Chamberlin House

### 2. Location

street & number 23176 Three Notch Road (MD 235) \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town California \_\_\_\_\_ X vicinity

county St. Mary's

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Patricia H. Chamberlin

street & number 101 Hunt Court telephone

city, town Hollywood state and zip code MD 20636

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel 34-181

city, town Leonardtown liber and folio MRB345/306

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT  
☐ Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<u>X</u> domestic	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			<u>0</u>	

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The residence at 23176 Three Notch Road (MD 235) is located approximately 125 feet east of MD235 and approximately 200 feet south of MD 4 in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. Several mature trees and shrubs surround the house and a one-story concrete block garage and one-story concrete block shed are situated south of the dwelling. A gravel/dirt driveway runs along the west side of the property.

The 1-story frame building clad in asbestos shingles is supported by a concrete block foundation. The house has an asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior brick chimney in the north end of the building. A one-story flat-roof porch with metal supports extends from the southeast corner of the dwelling. Windows throughout the house consist of six-over-six double-hung sash.

The west, or main, elevation contains three bays: a six-light and panel door in the north end, a single window in the center bay, and a set of paired windows in the south end. Decorative shutters flank the windows in this elevation. The south elevation contains a set of paired windows and a single window. The east elevation includes a door at the north end and two single windows in the center and south bays. The north elevation has two single windows.

The one-story gable roof concrete block garage has a double car door in the east elevation and a two-over-two window east of the door. The west elevation of the garage contains two two-over-two double-hung sash with a brick sills.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** Circa 1948 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. Further major alterations to the dwelling have compromised its integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments:	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 9/28/90
Reviewer, NR program <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 11/6/95

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Southern Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

#### Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.  
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.98 acres  
Acreage surveyed 0.98 acres  
Quadrangle name Hollywood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 1181, Map 34, Grid 16

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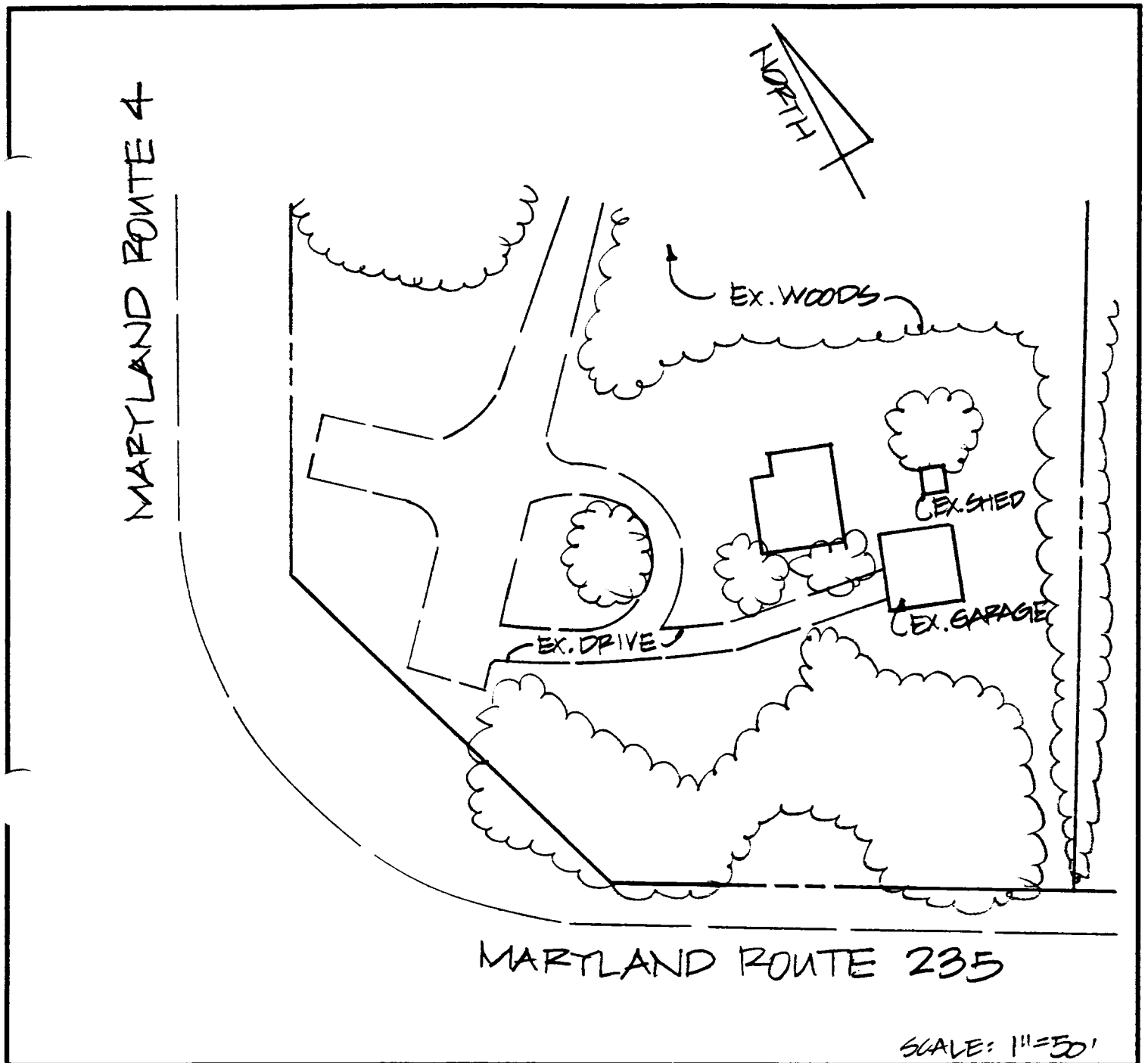
## 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
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Chamberlin House, 23176 Three Notch Road

California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.  
Resource Sketch Map

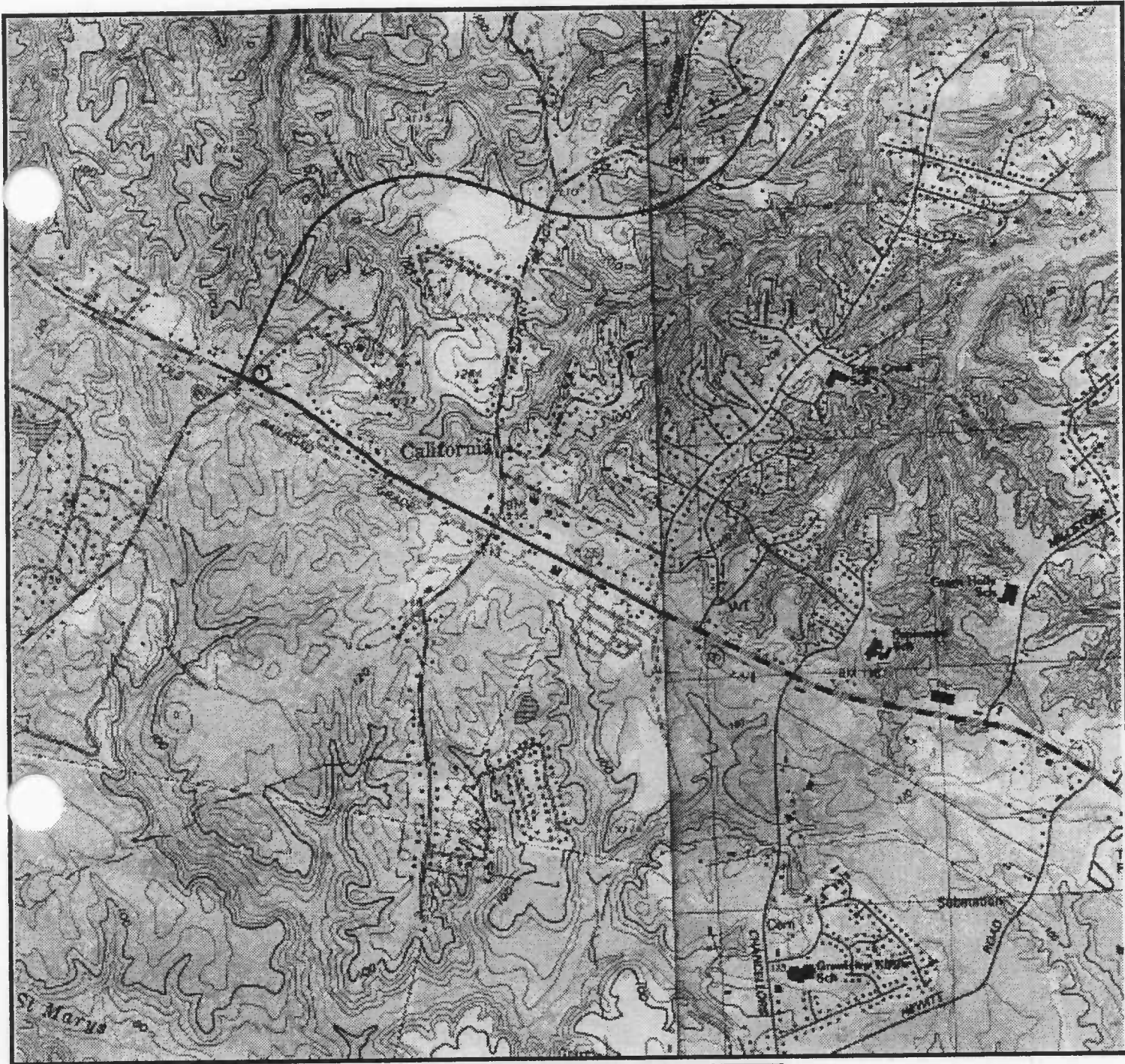


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ADMINISTRATION

10 NORTH PARK DRIVE  
HUNT VALLEY, MD 21030  
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MD 235: MD 4 to MD 246  
St. Mary's County, MD

BCS 95-17A



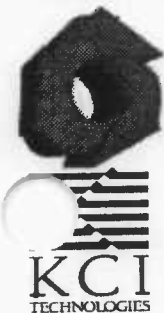
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Hollywood, MD USGS Quad

1963 (Rev. 1984); Solomons Is., MD 1987



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Scale: 1"=2,000'





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St Mary's Co.

Margaret Parker

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MS SHPO

N + W elev. of house + garage looking SE

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St Mary's Co.

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UD SHPO

S + .E elev. looking NW

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SU-677

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MD SHPO

N + W elev. of shed looking SE

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